GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ANTI- FOG SYSTEMS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The expenditure incurred by the Airports Authority of India on installation of anti-fog systems at the airports ;

(b)Whether most of the airlines are reluctant to spend money to upgrade planes and train pilots in these new systems ;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) The action taken by the Government against those Airlines ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.323 for 14.12.2006 regarding Anti-Fog Systems at Airports.

(a) : Airports Authority of India provide and instal Instrument Landing System

(ILS) to cater to low visibility exigencies arising due to fog. All ILS except at IGI airport are CAT-I and expenditure incurred on installation of each CAT-I ILS was Rs.2 Crores (approximately). Expenditure incurred on provision of CAT-III B ILS at Delhi Airport was Rs.55 crores.

(b) & (c) : Following airlines have already prepared themselves for operation under low visibility :

(i) Indian Airlines and Air India have been granted authorization for CAT-II/III operations

(ii) Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines have been granted authorization for CAT-II operations

(iii) Kingfisher, Spicejet and Air Deccan, Indigo have been granted initial authorization for CAT-II operations.

(d) : The Airlines are always encouraged to upgrade their aircraft and train their pilots for operations in low visibility conditions.Their flight schedules are approved on the basis of number of pilots trained for low visibility operations and the suitability of the planes for such operations.If an airlines does not provide data regarding its capacity to fly under low visibility, it is not allowed to schedule its flights during normal fog hours.